GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE ORDER BY INDIAN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has received bulk order from Indian Railways for the supply of linen, uniforms, upholstery and Kulhars etc. during 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the other organisations placing such bulk orders to KVIC during the said period;

(c) whether KVIC has the capacity to deliver the demanded products in terms of quality and standards in the light of the large volume; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the KVIC to make such bulk delivery in time to such organizations?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The details of supplies executed by various khadi and village industry institutions under the purview of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to Indian Railways during 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given below:

Sl. No.	Item	Amount (Rs. in crore) 2005-06	2006-07
1	Khadi items	15.32	16.09
2	Polyvastra Bedsheet, Pillow Covers, etc.	2.06	6.78
3	Village Industry Products	1.76	1.45
4.	Kulhars	0.15	0.16

#Provisional figures

In addition, KVIC has supplied honey comb towels worth Rs.150 lakh to during 2005-06 and towels worth Rs.259.53 lakh during 2006-07 to the Ministry of Defence.Besides different departments of Union Government,State Governments and other Local Bodies purchased various khadi and village industry products from Khadi Gramodyog Bhavans worth Rs.1.68 crore and Rs.1.36 crore

(Provisional figures) supplied by Khadi Gramodyog Bhavans during 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): KVIC is not engaged in direct production/supply of the items and such production/supply are effected through its aided agencies (NGOs).In order to accelerate the process of receiving orders by the NGOs and supply the same, KVIC has established direct channel to the producing/supplying institutions. These institutions are being encouraged by KVIC for Government supply, as well as to produce items as per the standard specified under ISI.

The steps taken by the KVIC to deliver products of requisite quality to the Indian Railways and other consumers include use of testing facilities at the Khadi Prayog Samiti, Ahmedabad and use of the laboratory facilities of the Textiles Committee for regularly testing the quality of samples of khadi products KVIC is also making efforts through Directorate General of Supplies and Disposal, Government of India (DGS & D) and also with other departments for supplying items which have not been covered under Rate Contract (RC), like leather boots, chappals, polyvastra bedsheets, pillow covers, office furniture, computer trolley, dress material, woolen blankets, etc.